



Editorial

Norman Goldstein MD Editor

We are alive and doing very well, thank you. With the support from our staff, Becky Kendro and Carol Uyeda, our Editorial Assistants, Dr Drake Will, Dr Ann Catts and Dr Al Morris, the encouragement of our Publications Committee and Editorial board, and especially our advertising representative, Michael Roth and his staff, the Journal is thriving.

Manuscripts are coming in, Peer Reviewers are doing excellent work and ads are paying off for both advertisers and the Journal. Due to our successful team effort, we have the following special issues scheduled:

September 1997	Ophthalmology - Robert Wong, MD
November 1997	Diabetes - Laurie Tom, MD
January 1998	Pain - Hob Osterlund, RN
February 1998	Pain - Hob Osterlund, RN
March 1998	Clinical Toxicology & Poison Control Ctr. John Racine, RN & Al Inaba, MD

Additional special issues in progress include:

Osteoporosis	Richard Wasnich, MD
Brain Injury	
Alternative Medicine	
Nutritional Medicine	

In this issue, be sure to read the manuscript by Hob Osterlund. It serves as an introduction to the important January & February 1998 Pain Special Issues. Many of the authors included in these issues will be presenting their reports to the Pain Task Force of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Living and Dying with Dignity.

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Presidents Message

John S. Spangler MD

The American Medical Association annual meeting in Chicago was held June 20th to June 26th. If every doctor could attend this meeting, I'm certain that everyone would join because you realize that someone is helping us at many levels. The major concern of all the physicians is legislative action in Washington where the AMA has excellent staff and represents us in a manner which is impossible for the individual physician.

Major items considered were the partial birth abortions, medical service accounts national patient safety foundation, tobacco settlement and many awards presented during the meeting. Membership is stable. A major program is American Medical Accreditation program which will be presented to you over the next few months.

Our delegates represented Hawaii at all sessions and at the reference committees. Please contact any of the delegates for more details.

Remember the HMA annual meeting will be held at the Hilton Waikoloa Hotel on the Kohala coast of the Big island from October 30 to November 2.

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